

proposals to Update the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA), including the following bills: H.R. 4976, NSA Oversight Act; H.R. 5223, Surveillance Activities Commission Act of 2006; H.R. 5371, Lawful Intelligence and Surveillance of Terrorists in an Emergency by NSA Act; H.R. 5825, Electronic Surveillance Modernization Act; S. 2453, National Security Surveillance Act of 2006; and S. 2455, Terrorist Surveillance Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from Steve Bradbury, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Robert L. Deitz, General Counsel, NSA, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

HORSE PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing 1 hour and 20 minutes of general debate on H.R. 503, to amend the Horse Protection Act to prohibit shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption, and for other purposes, equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their designees. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill and provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that the amendments printed in the report may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte, and Representatives Whitfield, Sweeney, and Peterson of Minnesota.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2006

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine preparedness 1 year after Hurricane Katrina, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider Extradition Treaty Between the United States of America and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and related exchanges of letters, signed at Washington on March 31, 2003 (Treaty Doc. 108-23), and the nominations of Richard E. Hoagland, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, John Robert Bolton, of Maryland, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the

United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations during his tenure of service as Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, to which position he was appointed during the recess of the Senate from July 29, 2005, to September 1, 2005, John C. Rood, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Non-Proliferation, Cesar Benito Cabrera, of Puerto Rico, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Mauritius, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Seychelles, Cindy Lou Courville, of Virginia, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank of Ambassador, Donald C. Johnson, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea, Mary Martin Ourisman, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Barbados, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to St. Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Antigua and Barbuda, the Commonwealth of Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, and Ronald Allen Tschetter, of Minnesota, to be Director of the Peace Corps, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine Information Technology projects at risk, focusing on why \$12 billion in projects is being funded and what OMB is doing to ensure success, as well as GAO's recommendations in these areas, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Terrence W. Boyle, of North Carolina, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, William James Haynes II, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, William Gerry Myers III, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Norman Randy Smith, of Idaho, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Valerie L. Baker, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, Francisco Augusto Besosa, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico, Philip S. Gutierrez, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, George E.B. Holding, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and Sharon Lynn Potter, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia, S. 2453, to establish procedures for the review of electronic surveillance programs, S. 2455, to provide in statute for the conduct of electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists for the purposes of protecting the American people, the Nation, and its interests from terrorist attack while ensuring that the civil liberties of United States citizens are safeguarded, S. 2468, to provide standing for civil actions for declaratory and injunctive relief to persons who refrain from electronic communications through fear of being subject to warrantless electronic surveillance for foreign intelligence purposes, S. 3001, to ensure that all electronic surveillance of United States persons for foreign intelligence purposes is conducted pursuant to individualized court-issued orders, to streamline the procedures of the Foreign

Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978, S. 2831, to guarantee the free flow of information to the public through a free and active press while protecting the right of the public to effective law enforcement and the fair administration of justice, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 1845, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for the appointment of additional Federal circuit judges, to divide the Ninth Judicial Circuit of the United States into 2 circuits, H.R. 1442, to complete the codification of title 46, United States Code, "Shipping", as positive law, H.R. 866, to make technical corrections to the United States Code, and S. 2046, to establish a National Methamphetamine Information Clearinghouse to promote sharing information regarding successful law enforcement, treatment, environmental, social services, and other programs related to the production, use, or effects of methamphetamine and grants available for such programs, and for the other purposes, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology and Homeland Security, to hold hearings to examine strategies for pre-screening international airline passengers before take-off, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings entitled "Wounded Warrior" Insurance: A First Look at a New Benefit for Traumatically Injured Servicemembers, 10 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: closed business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine America's ailing guardianship system relating to exploitation of seniors, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Defense, hearing on Defense Contracting, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, hearing on standards of military commissions and tribunals, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on BP's Pipeline Spills at Prudhoe Bay: What Went Wrong? 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "A Review of the Federal Home Loan Bank System," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology, hearing en-

titled "The Department of Homeland Security's Science and Technology Directorate: Is It Structured for Success?" 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment, hearing entitled "State and Local Fusion Centers and the Role of DHS," 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation, oversight hearing on 9/11: Five Years Later—Gauging Islamist Terrorism, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue mark up of H.R. 2679, Public Expression of Religion Act of 2005; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 5092, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (BATFE) Modernization and Reform Act of 2006; H.R. 5005, Firearms Corrections and Improvements Act; H.R. 1384, Firearm Commerce Modernization Act; H.R. 1415, NICS Improvement Act of 2005; and H.R. 5830, Wright Amendment Reform Act; and to consider a motion to authorize the issuance of a subpoena to Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on National Parks, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3532, Michigan Lighthouse and Maritime Heritage Act; H.R. 5452, Veterans Eagle Parks Pass Act; H.R. 5485, Columbia-Pacific National Heritage Area Study Act; and H.R. 5978, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the suitability and feasibility of including the battlefields and related sites of the First and Second Battles of Newtonia, Missouri, during the Civil War as part of a Wilson's Creek National Battlefield or designating the battlefields and related sites as a separate unit of the National Park System, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5566, To facilitate the transfer of Spearfish Hydroelectric Plant Number 1 to the city of Spearfish, South Dakota; and H.R. 6014, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Bureau of Reclamation, to improve California's Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta and water supply; and to hold an oversight hearing on a measure regarding the repayment of site security costs at Bureau of Reclamation facilities, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit and Pipelines, oversight hearing on Freight Logistics: The Road Ahead as Seen by the Users of the Highway System, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Global Updates/Hot Spots, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, executive, hearing on CIA Sensitive Programs, 10 a.m., H-405 Capitol.